

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a listing of the presently pending claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

passing a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;

passing a response to the message from the second party to the first party, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for a communication between the first party and the second party;

detecting in a network controller that the response includes at least one parameter breaching the policy; and

modifying, by the network controller, the at least one parameter to be consistent with the policy.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising modifying the at least one parameter by the first party.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detecting comprises detecting in the network controller that provides a call session control function.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the detecting comprises detecting in the network controller that provides the call session control function comprising at least one of a proxy call session control function or a serving call session control function.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detecting comprises detecting that the response includes the at least one parameter comprising a parameter of a session description protocol.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sending comprises sending the response in accordance with a session initiation protocol.

9. (Previously Presented) A controller, configured to:

operate in a communication system;

handle responses and requests between parties of communication sessions;

forward a message from a first party to a second party;

check whether a response to the message from the second party to the first party includes at least one parameter in breach of a policy for the communication between the parties; and

modify the at least one parameter to be consistent with the policy.

10-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

passing a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;

receiving a response to the message from the second party, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for a communication between the first party and the second party;

passing the response unmodified from the second party to the first party; and

determining in a network controller that one or more of said at least one parameter breaches the policy.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, further comprising:

sending a further message from the first party to the network controller, said determining comprising detecting at least one parameter in breach of the policy in the further message.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:

responsive to said detecting, sending to the first party by the network controller another message containing the policy allowed payload.

21. (Previously Presented) A controller, configured to:

forward a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;
pass a response to the message unmodified from the second party to the first party,
the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for a communication
between the first party and the second party; and
determine in a network controller that one or more of said at least one parameter
breaches the policy.

22. (Previously Presented) The controller according to claim 21, configured to
detect at least one parameter in breach of the policy in a further message from the first
party.

23. (Previously Presented) The controller according to claim 22, configured to
send to the first party another message containing the policy allowed payload in response
to detection of said at least one parameter in breach of the policy.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

passing a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;

receiving a response from the second party to the first party, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for communication between the parties;

determining in a network controller that one or more of said at least one parameter is in breach of the policy; and

sending a further message including a definition of the policy to the first party.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the sending of the further message comprises sending information of at least one parameter in consistency with the policy.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A controller for providing communication, configured to:

handle responses and requests between parties of communication sessions;

forward a message from a first party to a second party in the communication system;

receive a response from the second party to the first party, the message including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for communication between the parties;

determine that one or more of said at least one parameter is in breach of the policy; and

send a further message including a definition of the policy to the first party.

29. (Previously Presented) The controller according to claim 28, wherein the controller is configured to include in the further message information of at least one parameter in consistency with the policy.

30. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

passing a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;

receiving a response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for a communication between a first party and a second party;

passing the response unmodified from the second party to the first party;

receiving from the first party a further message including one or more of the at least one parameter in breach of the policy; and

detecting in a network controller that the further message includes the one or more of the at least one parameter breaching the policy.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, further comprising sending a further response including a definition of the policy to the first party.

32. (Previously Presented) A controller for providing communication, configured to:

forward a message from a first party to a second party in a communication system;

forward a response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy for communication between the first party and the second party unmodified from the second party to the first party;

receive a further message from the first party including at least one parameter in breach of the policy; and

detect that the further message includes at least one parameter in breach of the policy.

33. (Previously Presented) The controller according to claim 32, configured to send a further response including a definition of the policy to the first party.

34-35 (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a transmitter configured to send a message at a first party to a second party;

a receiver configured to receive at the first party from the second party a response to the message, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy; and

a processor configured to modify, at the first party, at least one parameter into consistency with the policy,

wherein the transmitter is further configured to send a further message to a network controller, the further message including the modification.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the processor is further configured to further modify at least one parameter in response to a response to the further message.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the user equipment is configured to modify the at least one parameter to be consistent with a local policy.

39. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

first sending means for sending, at a first party, a message to a second user equipment;

receiving means for receiving, at a first party, a response to the message from the second party, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy;

controller means for modifying, at the first party, at least one parameter into consistency with the policy; and

second sending means for sending a further message to a network controller, the further message including at least one modified parameter;

wherein the controller means is further configured to further modify the at least one parameter in response to a response to the further message.

40. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

sending a message at a first user equipment to a second user equipment;

receiving a response to the message at the first user equipment from the second user equipment, the response including at least one parameter in breach of a policy;

modifying at least one parameter into consistency with the policy; and

sending a further message to a network controller, the further message including the modification.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the modifying is responsive to a response to the further message.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the modifying comprises modifying the at least one parameter to be consistent with a local policy.

43. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

forwarding a session initiation protocol message from a first user equipment to a second user equipment;

forwarding a session initiation protocol response containing a session description protocol offer from a second party to a first party;

receiving a succeeding request and checking whether the request contains a session description protocol answer for the offer that breaches a local policy; and

if the session description protocol answer breaches the local policy, returning a response that the answer is not acceptable, the response containing a local policy allowed session description protocol payload.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the first party is a user equipment and the session description protocol answer is reduced at the user equipment.

45. (Previously Presented) A network controller configured to:

forward a session initiation protocol request from a first user equipment to a second user equipment;

forward a session initiation protocol response containing a session description protocol offer from said second party to said first party;

receive a succeeding request and checking whether the request contains a session description protocol answer for the offer that breaches a local policy; and

if the session description protocol answer breaches the local policy, return a response that the answer is not acceptable, the response containing a local policy allowed session description protocol payload.

46. (Previously Presented) A network controller according to claim 45, wherein the network controller is a proxy call session control function.

47. (Previously Presented) A network controller according to claim 45, wherein the network controller is a serving call session control function.